



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, LEICESTER

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Dear People,

It has been a horrifying week for our world. We have seen refugees pushed away in their dinghies, refused opportunity to land, and drowning their probable fate. We have seen refugees returned across the border, everything lost after their long and dangerous journeys from war-torn homelands. We have seen the bombing of helpless civilians in the last stages of the Syrian civil war.

We have heard of violence and cruelty in the civil wars in Yemen, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, but the cameras aren't there. The cruelty is. South Sudan has gone quiet. Is it peace or a lull? We pray it's peace.

The flood warnings are still out for the UK, more than 50 as I write, and the misery of lost homes, businesses and work is deep, reminding us of similar suffering around the world as we see the devastation climate change brings.

Coronavirus is here. Is that going to take more lives than we can count? The signs are not good. We know that unless courageous staff risk their lives running, cleaning, nursing in our hospitals, we are lost. Stock-piling food, fighting over "last items" are people who, we suspect, would do little for anyone.

Where do you stand? Would you push refugees back from where they came to protect your own comfort zone? Would you stay or flee if you lived in a war-torn area? Would you expect help, or give it? Are you stocking up? Will any of it go bad?

Judging by what politicians are saying around the world there is a mood of *us* and *them*, *them* being people weaker, needy, asking our help - down the road, across the country, around the world.

On my desk are copies of "The Day the Bomb Fell" and "Stations of the Cross", based on the letters of Franz Jagerstatter who was executed for refusing to fight in the Nazi army. Would you die rather than drop an atomic bomb, launch a nuclear missile? Would you volunteer to nurse or visit where there is coronavirus in a hospital or nursing or care home. Difficult, isn't it. We receive, but should also give.

God bless us,

Fr. John

8th March 2020 (Prayer Week 2)

"Dear God, bless our world. We are . . ."

Mass Times and Intentions

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

9.00 am at Rosary Church

10.30 am and 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Sr Evelyn, Winifred McDonagh, Rosarda Dias,
Erlinda Salenga, Herminio Tanedo, Pat Grady

MONDAY 9th MARCH

(St Frances of Rome)

7.00 pm at St Joseph's for Sean & Pat O'Keefe

TUESDAY 10th MARCH

10.00 am at St Joseph's for John Norwell

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH

(St Aengus)

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Private Intention

THURSDAY 12th MARCH

10.00 am at St Joseph's for Family Blessing

FRIDAY 13th MARCH

7.00 pm at St Joseph's: Stations of the Cross
followed by the Mass for Remembered Friends

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 15th MARCH

9.00 am at Rosary Church : 10.30 am at St Joseph's

6.00 pm at St Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Innocent Victims, Holy Souls

A PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Sunday 8th March

Please pray for all women and girls around the world, that they receive the dignity and respect of the communities and cultures in which they live; that they are able to live safely and peaceably, sharing equally in spreading the love of God.

And may they always be helped and encouraged to,
as the words of St Catherine of Siena say,

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire"

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's
(in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
open every day this week from 10.30 am - dusk.

Our Parish Fundraising

Please read the two-page letter about our needs for the buildings of the parish. You will have your own suggestions of how the money might be raised. The diocese expects it of us. So far we have received **£2,200** and are grateful for such a quick positive start. Please consider how we might raise the **£75,000** we shall need for roof, hall heating and tower securing, plus a reserve.

The Parish on Sundays



Hot (and cold) drinks after mass on Sunday mornings at both our churches. (The Parish Library, Lourdes Garden, Watermead Shop open at St Joseph's).

St Joseph's Table

continues its service this week

WINTER MENU

Soup - Meals - Desserts - Snacks
To be announced on the 'Specials' board
(see times below in "Parish Diary")

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 9th March

QUESTION OF FAITH. Our meetings continue, incorporating bible study and questions. All welcome to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 7.45 pm, after mass.

Tuesday 10th March

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details below). Parish library, Home from Home shop, Watermead shop and garden are also open.)

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.45 am-3.30 pm

Wednesday 11th March

St JOSEPH'S TABLE open today from 10.45 am - 3.30 pm. (See details below). **MEDITATION** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 10.50 am. All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.45 am-3.30 pm

STATION MASS this week is at Blessed Sacrament Church, Braunstone, LE3 1JS. Confessions and Stations of the Cross at 7.00 pm, Mass at 7.30 pm.

Thursday 12th March

PARISH OPEN MORNING - hot drinks in Coffee Shop after the morning service (Library/ Garden also open). All welcome.

WATERMEAD SHOP OPEN 10.45 am-3.30 pm

CHURCHES TOGETHER tonight we meet at St Mary's, Humberstone. Refreshments, 7.00 pm; Prayer and Discussion, 7.30 pm.

Friday 13th March

THE MIRIAM PRAYER GROUP meet at 6.30 pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

CHURCH ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. 6.00 pm	John	Sal
Sun. 9.00 am	TBA	-
10.30 am	Ann	Steve / Sr Lelia
6.00 pm	TBA	Vincent

Prayer Box

Please pray for:

Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead
especially for those who have recently died:
John Norwell (RIP), Stefan Balog (RIP)

Declan, Bridie, Jonathan, John, Chris, Maria, Kath, Mary, Anna, Patrick, Olven, Sheila, Cristiano, David, Peter and all who are sick

Prayers for: Margaret, Bridie

The McCann family and all missing children
The peoples and countries of the world, especially
THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS,
REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

Coronavirus has reached the East Midlands so we follow the recommendations of our bishops:

Amongst the precautions: (1) We all now refrain from shaking hands at the sign of peace; (2) All are advised to take Communion in the hand; (3) No Holy Water in the fonts in the church porch; (4) Hand sanitiser will be provided in church porches when it arrives (our order from last week has been delayed). For updates see the parish website www.stjoseph-leicester.btcc.co.uk (and our Facebook Group).

MASS AT HOME For those unable to come to mass please note that we shall continue to broadcast our daily mass on our YouTube channel - which can be accessed via the internet on smart televisions, mobile phones, computers, ipads, tablets, etc. Search for "St Joseph's Leicester Live" to access.

La Croix, the Catholic international online news website, offers this advice from the saints:

"Stay calm and don't lose your head"
St John the Baptist

"This is not the Apocalypse"
St John the Evangelist

"Wash your hands often"
Pontius Pilate

"Avoid greeting people with a hug and kiss"
Judas

"Don't touch your eyes, nose, mouth or any open wounds"
St Thomas the Apostle

"Pets and other animals cannot spread this disease"
St Francis of Assisi

"Avoid going to China"
Matteo Ricci

Thank you to St Joseph's ladies who offered such wonderful hospitality to the ladies who travelled to be with us at last Saturday's "Women's Day". I pass on to you the many many compliments I have received this week. Alison

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,145**
Thank you. Counters: Sarah & Pepsy
(Next week: Terry)

CAFOD envelopes to be collected this weekend
RASH our regular giving for Leicester's Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Homeless continues next week.

Watermead

SHOP OPENING THIS WEEK
Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.45 am to 3.30 pm
Sun 11.45 am to 12.15 pm

LENT RESOURCES : EASTER CARDS
0116 220 7881 / 0
www.watermead-apostolate.co.uk

Dates for Diary

Tea Dance

Sunday 15th March, 2.00 - 5.00 pm
at St Patrick's, Beaumont Leys Lane,
to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support
£5.00 - see notice boards or contact 07538493913

St Patrick's Day Mass

Tuesday 17th March, 11.00 am
Celebrant Bishop Ralph Heskett of Hallam
(Refreshments and music follow in the parish centre)

FAITH INTO ACTION

Saturday 28th March

Join Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the diocesan Justice & Peace Commission and Catholics from all round our diocese for a day to build social action in the Cathedral Hall, Nottingham, 10.30 am - 4.30 pm

Nottingham Diocese is joining Caritas, the Church's worldwide ministry of charity, and this day begins practical steps, in parishes and chaplaincies across the diocese, to bring the Gospel to life, locally and globally.

For details/info/booking call 07470 907656 or visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction

Re-Dedication of England as Dowry of Mary

Weekend 28th/29th March (Walsingham)
This Re-dedication is both a personal promise of the people of our country, and a renewal of the entrustment vows made by King Richard II in 1381.

On this day we accept God's gift of His Mother, the cause of our joy, as she leads us to Christ through her example as the First Disciple, and invites us to "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5)

Year of The Word Praise and Worship

led by the Diocesan Youth Service at St Paul's School on **Saturday 16th May**

Talks by Fr Chris Thomas, Refreshment & Activities 10.00 am, Talks, Music & Prayer: Mass at 3.00 pm
Bring packed lunch. Details from Deacon Seamus olookan@stpauls.leicester.sch.uk

EASTER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

8th April (5 nights) £649 half board and excursions
Contact Patricia on 01268 762278

LOURDES with the Diocese, 12th-17th July 2020,

5 nights: by train, from £655; by air from £755.
Fr John has the booking forms please ask him.

Parish Pilgrimages

Our 2020 Pilgrimages to Stresa and Rome are full, with reserve lists, but Lourdes still has places available.

LOURDES 2020

7th-13th May (Thursday - Wednesday)
£540 (approx) covers flights, airport coaches, and full board at our hotel. (42 booked so far)
Please book a place with **£200** deposit.

NEW DATES FOR 2021

MALTA 2nd-11th February
£625 (approx) covers flights, airport coaches, and half board at our excellent Preluna hotel. (10 places booked so far)

PADUA with Venice & Verona **4th-10th June**
£595 (approx.) covers flights, airport coaches, and half board (hotel opposite St Anthony's Basilica). (12 places booked so far)

Wisdom of the Young - a Family Moment

Mummy died of cancer. The 5-year-old daughter asked Daddy "What is cancer?" Daddy began to explain about cells and all living things, and said "It is difficult." His little girl said "Daddy, I am mature enough to understand."